



**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region I
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**Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested**

Patrick Widman and Thomas McShea, Shingles and Granules Plant Managers
Saint-Gobain CertainTeed Corporation
1077 Pleasant Street
Norwood, MA 02062

and

Robert Smith, Vice President and General Manager
Saint-Gobain Abrasives, Inc. and Saint-Gobain Ceramics & Plastics, Inc.
1 New Bond Street
Worcester, MA 01615

and

Paul DeLaney, Plant Manager
Saint-Gobain Containers, Inc.
Verallia North America
1 National Street
Milford, MA 01757

and

Lauren Alterman, Vice President of Environmental Health and Safety
Saint-Gobain North America
750 E. Swedesford Road
Valley Forge, PA 1948

Re: Request for Information Pursuant to Sections 308(a) and 311(m) of the
Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1318(a) and 1321(m), Docket No. 14-308-22

Dear Madam and Sirs:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") inspected three of Saint-Gobain North America's manufacturing plants located in Massachusetts. On November 27, 2013, June 19, 2013, and September 17, 2013, the EPA performed an inspection at Saint-Gobain's

CertainTeed Corporation roofing and granule plant in Norwood; the Saint-Gobain Abrasives, Inc. and Saint-Gobain Ceramics & Plastics, Inc. ceramic and plastics plant in Worcester; and the Saint-Gobain Containers, Inc. aka Verallia North America glass container plant in Milford, respectively.

All facilities were inspected for compliance with the Clean Water Act (the “Act”). At each facility, EPA inspectors observed certain problematic storm water and/or oil storage and prevention control measures, and incomplete and/or missing documentation required under EPA’s storm water and process wastewater permits and oil pollution prevention regulations.

Sections 308(a) and 311(m) of the Federal Clean Water Act (the “Act”), 33 U.S.C. §§1318(a) and 1321(m), authorize the EPA to require any owner or operator of a point source to provide information needed to determine whether there has been a violation of the Act. Saint-Gobain is hereby required, pursuant to Section 308(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1318(a), to respond to this Request for Information (the “Request”) within **45 calendar days of receipt of this letter**. Please read the instructions in Attachment A carefully before preparing your response, and answer each question in Attachment B as clearly and completely as possible. In addition, EPA is requesting that certain wastewater monitoring be conducted, see Attachment C.

Your response to this Request must also be accompanied by a certificate that is signed and dated by the person who is authorized to respond to the Request. The Statement of Certification, Attachment D, is attached to this letter. Information submitted pursuant to this Request shall be sent by certified mail, and shall be addressed as follows:

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region I
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Attention: Joseph Canzano, P.E.
Water Technical Office, Mail Code OES04-4

and (for materials only pertaining to the Norwood, MA facility)

Mass Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Region
20 Riverside Drive
Lakeville, MA 02347
Attention: Gregg Hunt, BWP

and (for materials pertaining to the Worcester, MA, and Milford, MA, facilities)

Mass Department of Environmental Protection, Central Region
627 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Attention: John Kronopolus, BWP

Compliance with this Request is mandatory. Failure to respond fully and truthfully or to adequately justify any failure to respond within the time frame specified above also constitutes a violation of the Clean Water Act subject to enforcement action, including the assessment of penalties. In addition, providing false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

The companies may assert a business confidentiality claim with respect to part or all of the information submitted to EPA in the manner described at 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b). Information covered by such a claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent permitted by and by means of the procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If no such claim accompanies the information when it is submitted to EPA, the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the companies.

If you have any technical questions regarding this Request, please contact Joseph Canzano of the Water Technical Office at 617-918-1877 or e-mail at canzano.joseph@epa.gov, or have your attorney contact EPA's counsel Laura J. Berry at 617-918-1148 or e-mail at berry.lauraj@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

James Chow, Manager
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Office of Environmental Stewardship

Attachments

cc: Mia Angell DeCelles, Saint-Gobain Verallia North America Glass Containers Plant
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